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PROJECT OUTLINE

CRYPTONYM: AECOB

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1. Area of Operations

Latvian SSR.

2. Purpose

To gather positive and operational intelligence from the Latvian SSR by means of REDSOX operational methods.

3. Background

- a. This Project was originally developed by OPC/EE under Project ZRLYNCH and, in August 1952, was presented to the FI Staff as Project AECOB. The Project was then designed to include both FI and PP operations into the Latvian SSR and had, as a secondary objective, the working with Latvian emigre groups outside the area of activity in support of operations. Project AECOB was first approved on 24 October 1952 by Chief, FI, for the period 1 October 1952 to 30 September 1953. The amount was \$82,000.- (the PP budget called for \$52,450.-, making a total of \$134,000.-).
- b. An Amendment to Project AECOB, dated 31 October 1952 and approved by Chief, FI, on 3 November 1952, provided for special bonuses and other benefits for the agents to be dispatched into the Latvian SSR. No increase in funds was requested by this Amendment.
- c. A "Brief of Clarification" on the use of operational expenses was approved by Chief, Plans, and (subject to the provisions of the memorandum from Chief, Plans, dated 10 August 1953) the sum of \$10,000.- (of an approved \$30,000.- for operational expenses) was allotted for use in setting up the "cover society" to spot and recruit Latvians in the United States.
- d. An extension of Project AECOB was approved on 12 December 1953 by Chief, Plans, for the period 1 October 1953 - 31 January 1954. No additional funds were requested.
- e. DC/FI approved a second extension of Project AECOB for the period 1 February 1954 - 31 March 1954. Funds in the amount of \$18,000.- were approved in this extension. As of 1 July 1953, there were no PP allocations for Project AECOB, and it thus is strictly an FI project. Anent the "cover society"

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described in paragraph c above, which was previously a part of Project AECOB, it has been disassociated from Project AECOB and operates as a separate project under AEMARSH.

- f. A request for approval of Project AECOB (Amendment and Renewal) dated 26 April 1954 was approved by Chief, Plans, and concurred in by Chief, FI, on 30 April 1954. The total cost approved was \$47,075. The approval period was 1 April 1954 - 31 March 1955.
- g. A request for an amendment to Project AECOB, dated 16 July 1954 and approved 20 July 1954, requested payment of 250 DM outright to the common-law wife of CAMUSO/3 for a debt she had incurred as a result of hospitalization.
- h. A request for an amendment to Project AECOB, dated 4 October 1954 and approved 15 October 1954, requested approval of an additional allotment in the sum of \$5,600.- to provide additional payments to CAMUSO/2. The payments which we proposed to pay him while he was being debriefed in the United States (for a period of approximately 6 months). Note: Payment of this had been authorized, in principle, in Project AECOB, Amendment and Renewal, section 5(3) as approved by Chief, Plans and concurred in by Chief, FI, on 30 April 1954. However, the sum was not included in the total cost of the Project.
- i. A request for an amendment to Project AECOB, dated 28 September 1954, to provide payment of the sum of \$3,000.- in death benefits in accordance with Section 1(c) of the contract with CAMUSO/1, to be disposed of pursuant to the provisions of the agent's will (on file in SR/2), was approved by Chief, FI, on 15 October 1954 subject to the approval of the office of the General Counsel.
- j. A request for amendment to Project AECOB, dated 9 February 1955, to provide for additional authorization for \$60,000.- for operational currency was approved by DDP/COP on 18 February 1955.
- k. A request for extension of Project AECOB from 1 April 1955 to 31 May 1955, dated 30 March 1955, was approved by Chief, FI, on 2 May 1955.

4. Objectives and Tasks

- a. To exfiltrate two of our REDSOX agents from the Latvian SSR and bring them to the US for extensive debriefings.
- b. To infiltrate a sufficient amount of operational funds and equipment in order to provide long-term support for our already established internal assets.
- c. It is expected that the successful implementation of tasks a. and b. above will enable us to preserve our existing assets,

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enlarge the scope of their activities, and develop and expand their networks while concurrently maintaining proper compartmentation. It is anticipated that it will no longer be necessary to dispatch any REDSOX agents into the Latvian SSR.

d. In the event of a hot war situation, it is expected that our existing assets will be readily convertible to hot war assignments and will be so utilized in order to fulfill our existing requirements in so far as possible.

5. Coordination

Coordination with the Air-Maritime Division, WE Division and EE Division will be required.

6. Personnel

a. Personnel presently active under Project AECOB:

1.) ~~AFCAMUSO/2~~ is a Latvian who held various jobs in Latvia prior to World War II. During 1943-1945 he served in the Latvian Legion. When the collapse of the German Army appeared imminent, CAMUSO/2 deserted the Legion and joined the Partisans to continue the fight against Russia. He fled to Sweden and was recruited in 1951. He was trained and dispatched on a mission into the Latvian SSR in August 1952. In spite of a skirmish with the Soviets in which he lost a major portion of his equipment as well as his companion, CAMUSO/1, he has managed to survive and continue to operate and is in contact with us by S/W. We transmit to him by W/T. Operational Clearance, no number assigned, was granted 13 November 1951.

2.) ~~ACCAMBARO/2~~ finished High School in Riga and served in the Police Department. The Police Department was later incorporated into the Latvian Legion. CAMBARO/2 deserted at the time of the collapse of the German Army and organized a Partisan Group. He fled to Sweden and helped to organize the Latvian Contacts Group which was involved in a number of operational schemes. He was recruited in 1951 and taken to Germany along with CAMUSO/1 and CAMUSO/2. He recruited CAMUSO/3 in Germany and participated in the training of the CAMUSO's. He was brought to the United States in November 1952 where he then participated in the training of AEBIAS/2. In the spring of 1954 he was trained and dispatched on a mission into the Latvian SSR in May 1954. The primary purpose of his mission was to effect the exfiltration of CAMUSO/2. CAMBARO/2 was granted Covert Security Clearance, #47281, dated 4 November 1952, and on 14 January 1954, Operational Clearance #7704 was granted.

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- 3.) AECOB/1, a former member of the Latvian Legion, at present is a locksmith and mechanic who has access to various government buildings in connection with his work. He was recruited in the Latvian SSR by CAMUSO/2 who briefed and trained him in clandestine operations and techniques and turned over to him an S/W system and a two-way letter communications channel for communication with us. A Waiver of Clearance for his utilization by us was approved by Chief, FI, in October 1954.
- 4.) AECOB/2, a former member of the Latvian Legion, at present is a garage manager with access to an automobile and travel documents. He was recruited in the Latvian SSR by CAMUSO/2 who briefed and trained him in clandestine operations and techniques. He will turn over any positive intelligence that he collects to AECOB/1 who will transmit it to us. A Waiver of Clearance for his utilization by us was approved by Chief, FI, in October 1954.
- 5.) AECOB/3 is a former member of the Latvian Legion and is presently employed as a school teacher. He has been trained by ~~CAMBARO~~/2 in clandestine operations and is capable of receiving W/T; he has been given a Signal Plan, W/T receiver, cipher pads, S/W inks and mail drops. A Waiver of Clearance for his utilization by us was approved by Chief, FI, in October 1954.
- 6.) AECOB/4 is a former member of the Latvian Legion and a trained agent for German Intelligence during the first Russian Occupation (1940-1941). He is believed to have extensive contacts with other former German agents and ex-Legionnaires. He was contacted locally by CAMBARO/2 in late August 1954, trained in S/W techniques, and provided with operational currency, S/W developer and a letter drop. A Waiver of Clearance for his utilization by SR/2 was approved by Chief, FI, in October 1954.
- 7.) AECAMUSO/3 is a Latvian who has worked as a farm hand and a lumberjack. He avoided all military service and toward the end of World War II he went to Germany as a DP, US Zone. He was recruited early in 1952, was trained and dispatched on a mission into the Latvian SSR in August 1952. He is regularly in W/T contact with us but all the indications are that he is under Soviet control. Operational Clearance, no number, dated 28 February 1952, was granted for his utilization.

b. The following personnel have either been disposed of or are in the process of disposal for the reasons set forth herein:

- 1.) AECAMUSO/1 is a Latvian of limited education. During World

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War II he was conscripted into the Latvian Legion. He fled to Sweden when the Soviet occupied Latvia at the end of the war. He was recruited in 1951, taken to Germany and was trained and dispatched on a mission into the Latvian SSR in August 1952. He is presumed to be dead since we have never heard from him. His contract has been terminated and steps have been implemented to dispose of his benefits as indicated in his contract and in accordance with the terms of his will (on file in SR/2). The plan for the disposal of his benefits has been approved by DD/A, Chief, FI, and the Office of the General Counsel. Operational Clearance, no number, dated 5 January 1952, was granted for his utilization.

2.) AEBIAS/2 lived in Latvia but left there at an early age. He arrived in Germany as a DP in 1944; came to the United States in 1949 under a DP program and received an engineering degree from the University of Louisiana in 1951. In 1951 he was recruited, assessed and trained for a mission into the Latvian SSR. He was dispatched in May 1953 and has not been heard from since. He has been presumed dead and the overt implementation for the disposal of his benefits as set forth in his contract and in accordance with the terms of his will (on file in SR/2) was processed. His parents, in Norway, have been informed of their son's death, and his benefits and effects have been transmitted to them. An appropriate cover and legend was devised and utilized for their benefit. All details of this disposal case have been concluded. Operational Clearance, #4367, dated 9 April 1953, was granted for his utilization.

7. Cover

All infiltrated agents have been provided with legends based upon documentation and other items of cover authentication available to TSS. Since the two agents to be exfiltrated will be brought in "black," no documentation will be necessary for their entry into the United States. The internally recruited agents are all legally residing residents of Latvia. They have employment in the areas in which they live; thus, they all have natural cover.

8. Contact

W/T and S/W contact is maintained between Headquarters and the two agents, now in Latvia, who are to be exfiltrated. Contact with the legally living and internally recruited agents will be by S/W and W/T and is in the process of being developed. A minimum degree of contact has already been established by our transmittal of S/W to AECOBS 1 and 4 and W/T to AECOB/3. Subsequent to a detailed debriefing of ~~46~~ CAMBARO/2 and ~~44~~ CAMUSO/2, and on the basis of careful analyses of messages received from the internal agents, it will be possible to determine better to what extent they can best be utilized in the light of their individual capabilities.

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9. Control and Motivation

A certain degree of control exists over ~~AECAMUSO/2~~ and ~~AECAMBATO/2~~ in that they are forced to rely upon our initiative and facilities in order to be able to exfiltrate successfully. Moreover, their accumulated salaries, as well as any eventual bonus payments are under our direct control. A further controlling factor--at least in the case of ~~AECAMBATO/2~~--is that he desires to become a permanent resident of the US, a wish which we are presumably in a position either to grant or reject. The only control we are able to exercise over our legal internally-recruited agents is by furnishing them with financial support and by providing them with an opportunity whereby they are able to take an active part in the campaign for the liberation of Latvia.

~~AECAMBATO/2~~ and ~~AECAMUSO/2~~ are both motivated by a passionate hatred for the Soviet occupiers of their country and the oppressors of their fellow countrymen. They are nationalists and patriots. The legal internal agents were all recruited by ~~AECAMBATO/2~~ and ~~AECAMUSO/2~~ and in accordance with their briefing, these agents were to be selected on the basis of the foregoing criteria. As far as can be judged on the basis of available information, the internal agents are all motivated to a lesser or greater degree by feelings of nationalism, anti-Communism, and a sincere desire to take an active part in the fight against Communism.

10. Equipment and Support

The following technical equipment will be needed for the Operational Container (to be left in Latvia):

1 RS-13 (W/T) set, complete.  
Automatic sequence camera, batteries, film.

In addition to the technical equipment:

Ample supply of blank Soviet Passports, Voyenny Bilety, and miscellaneous related documents, rubber cachets and a quantity of S/W developer.  
Rubles  
Drugs and Antibiotics.  
(See Logistics Annex.)

11. Support

The Air-Maritime Division will furnish a sterile Beaver, extra fuel tanks and the crew. Commo will supply the W/T set to go into the Operational Container; TSS will supply the documents and related items as well as the S/W developer. On the basis of authority contained in Amendment to Project AECOB, dated 9 February 1955, 400,000 rubles have been obtained and are being held in readiness for dispatch at Frankfurt. SR/R&D will supply the drugs and antibiotics as well

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as package all of the materials for the container in individual containers for long-term burial. All of the above support will be contributed to AECOB/FI on a non-reimbursable basis.

11. Timetable

Approval of this project is requested for the period 1 August 1955 through 31 July 1956. Preparations for the exfiltration are currently being developed and a tentative date has been set for early autumn.

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PART II

12. Estimated Costs

a.	Salary for <del>AECAMUSO/2</del> . . . . .	\$ 2,400.00
b.	Salary for <del>AECAMUSO/3</del> . . . . .	1,200.00
c.	Payments to <del>AECAMUSO/3's</del> Wife . . . . .	1,800.00
d.	Salary for <del>AECAMBARO/2</del> . . . . .	6,000.00
e.	Bonus for <del>AECAMUSO/2</del> . . . . .	4,200.00
f.	Bonus for <del>AECAMBARO/2</del> . . . . .	5,000.00
g.	Travel . . . . .	3,000.00
h.	Supplies and Equipment . . . . .	420.00
i.	Commo Equipment (See Commo annex)	983.00
j.	Facilities . . . . .	1,320.00

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TOTAL

\$ 26,323.00

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(Operational allocation will be attached to final outline.)

13. Special Problems and Commitments

a. Commitments: Prior to the dispatch of ~~AECAMUSO/3~~, we promised him that we would provide as much assistance as was within reason to facilitate the emigration to the United States of his common-law wife and son who are presently living in Augsburg, Germany. She had applied for immigration under the DP program, but such action was suspended when ~~AECAMUSO/3~~ was recruited. We feel that her removal to the United States is advisable for security reasons. Implementation to have her application acted upon under the Refugee Relief Act has been initiated. The agent's contract, Section 1, provides for payment of \$150.00 a month upon her arrival in the US. This amount now appears to be inadequate from both an economic and security standpoint. No special provisions will be made at this time. At such time as she may arrive in the US, arrangements for additional funds will be made separately by requesting an amendment to this Project.

b. Disposal

1.) Disposal of death benefits as due ~~AECAMUSO/1~~ and in accordance with the terms of his contract as well as the monies

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accumulated in his escrow account.

2.) Communications will be maintained with ~~AECAMUSO~~/3, and every effort will be made to continue to keep him alive as long as possible. By tailoring the traffic to him in such a fashion that the responses would require actual consultation with him, it is felt possible he may be allowed to survive indefinitely.

c. Commitments to agents:

1.) The following commitments have been made to ~~AECAMBARO~~/2:

Payment of salary at rate of \$6,000.- per annum while he is on his mission.

Payment of \$5,000.- upon his exfiltration.

Payment of \$10,000.- for death or disability in accordance with a death or disability clause in his contract. A request for the approval of payment of this amount will be submitted separately as an amendment to this Project should the need arise.

2.) The following commitments have been made to ~~AECAMUSO~~/2:

The commitments for bonus payments as included in the terms of his contract. No concrete plans for the disposal and/or resettlement of ~~AECAMBARO~~/2 and ~~AECAMUSO~~/2 have been formulated at this time. Arrangements concerning this phase of the Project can be worked out upon the conclusion of the debriefings of the agents. It is not felt that any special security problems will arise.

d. ~~AECAMUSO~~/2 is aware of being employed by the "American Intelligence Service." ~~AECAMBARO~~/2 is fully aware of being employed by the CIA.

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